

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION.

CITIES WILL BE LOSERS.

Senate Reduces Revenue to be Received From Tax on Rolling Stock.

Richmond, Feb. 17.—By a vote of 32 to 8 the senate late yesterday afternoon threw out the house rolling stock bill, dividing railroad taxes between cities and counties, on a 40 per cent and 60 per cent basis, and passed a substitute giving cities only 25 per cent.

Two of the most important measures scheduled came up for discussion on the floor of the senate yesterday. They were the rolling stock bill and the woman's college bill.

It was also announced by speaker Byrd today that the tax reform bill will come up for argument and vote in the house next Thursday.

The rolling stock measure was brought out yesterday with a new amendment, curbing city treasurers still further by allowing them only 25 per cent of the railroad taxes, and giving the remaining 75 per cent to the counties, according to their miles of trackage. The amendment offered by Senator Holt, was made the subject of a red hot fight yesterday. Senator Hart of Roanoke led the attack. Richmond, Norfolk and Petersburg will be the chief losers by the bill, while Alexandria will lose over \$3,000 annually. Its passage will cost Richmond more than \$100,000 annually. Norfolk and Petersburg will lose about \$15,000 yearly each.

Cities Seem Beaten.

The county representatives were denounced on the floor today, but the city representatives fought hopelessly. Before the session convened they declared they had no hope of winning. Early yesterday an effort was made to stop opposition with the threat that the cities might be further disciplined by cutting their allowance to twenty per cent or even less. The threat however, was later withdrawn.

There was also some talk before the session convened, of starting a filibuster on the measure, but this plan, too, was abandoned, for fear of antagonizing the county representatives too far. Summed up, each side seemed a little afraid of the other.

Woman's College Bill Strong.

With four senators having announced their intention of speaking on the bill, there was every prospect that the woman's college bill on the calendar as special business, would not be voted on today. The measure would establish a woman's college at Charlottesville co-ordinately with the University of Virginia. Bitter attacks will be made on the bill, but again the fight is practically hopeless.

Senator Rison announced that 26 senators had informed him of their intention of voting for the bill.

Alleged Murderer Captured.

Cape Charles, Va., Feb. 17.—Richard Bess, colored, charged with killing William Day, colored, by chopping Day's head off in an argument over a crap game at the home of Day in a cabin near Cheriton last Saturday night, was captured yesterday morning at Bay View. He was taken by a crowd of infuriated farmers who had been searching for him. Bloodhounds trailed him to a barn where he had been hidden. He was taken to Eastville jail. John Kidd, also charged with connection with the murder, was taken in custody Monday.

Welfley Case Dismissed.

Manassas, Va., Feb. 17.—The suit of the Second National Bank of Culpeper and C. J. Meitz, against M. L. Welfley, and others, which has been pending in the Circuit Court of Prince William since the fall of 1910, has just been decided by Judge J. B. T. Thornton, who dismissed the case for failure to prove charges set in the bill. The object of the litigation, which involved real estate worth over \$31,000, was to have the deed of M. J. Welfley to J. Wilmer Welfley and certain trusts set aside, and to have the Welfley farm, near Bristow, sold and the claims of the complainants satisfied out of the proceeds.

The floods which have devastated Seville, Spain, for many days are now rapidly subsiding. Two of the suburbs, Navas and Burguillos, which have been isolated from the rest of the city, for more than a week, are in a lamentable condition. Many of the inhabitants have been found dying of hunger. The cemeteries have in some cases been undermined by water and corpses are floating in the streets.

The sixteenth negro woman to be murdered on the streets of Atlanta in a little more than 12 months was found yesterday with her throat cut. The negro population is greatly aroused and attributes the murders to what they call a "Jack the Ripper."

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Mental Suffering Causes Mrs. James P. Williams to End Her Life in Petersburg.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Nora L. Williams, about 26 years old, wife of James P. Williams, a contractor and builder, committed suicide yesterday afternoon in her home in Byrne street, by drinking carbolic acid.

She swallowed the acid about 1 o'clock and lingered in great agony for several hours, dying about 4:30 o'clock.

Physicians worked hard to save her life, but the acid had well gotten in its work before the doctors could reach her.

The body was viewed by Coroner Leigh, who found that death had resulted from carbolic acid, taken with suicidal intent, and did not deem an inquest necessary.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband and an infant child. Mental suffering is supposed to have caused her to end her life.

Chinaman Wends Norfolk Girl.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Wong Ping, a wealthy Chinese merchant, with stores in New York, San Francisco and Norfolk, Va., and Miss Myrtle Arthur, 21 years old, of Norfolk, have been married here after having a license refused them in three Virginia cities—Norfolk, Richmond and Newport News. Ping, who was born in San Francisco, has married two American women. His first wife died several years ago. Mrs. Ping will go to her parents' in rural North Carolina to stay until her husband settles a quarrel with an uncle who was bent upon sending him to the Orient for a second wife.

Suicide Caused by Ill-Health.

Cape Charles, Va., Feb. 17.—Robert L. Marshall, 45 years of age, a leading business man of Chincoteague, shot himself through the heart at his home yesterday morning. Ill health is assigned as the cause for the act. He was manager and part owner of the Wheaton Oy-ter Company and the Wheaton Mercantile Company and formerly lived at Sharptown, Md.

No Disaster at Wolf Trap.

Washington, Feb. 17.—A wild rumor that one of the North German Lloyd steamships was hard aground off Wolf Trap Light and that revenue cutters had been ordered to her assistance was telegraphed to many places yesterday and caused some alarm for a time until investigation showed that no vessel of that line could have been at the point named. The rumor at first named the Main as the steamer. But that vessel sailed from Baltimore for Bremen February 7 and passed out the capes on the following day. A wire less message from Capt. G. C. Carmine, of the revenue cutter Apache, stated that the cutter was below Cove Point awaiting authentic information concerning the stranded steamer. A wireless message sent out by the Apache inquiring about the Main was picked up by the Old Bay Line steamer Virginia bound up the Bay from Norfolk. Captain Lane, of the Virginia, replied that no vessel had been sighted aground off Wolf Trap.

ATTACK ON HOBSON.

Joint Attack on Hero of the Merrimac by Reps. Hay and Fitzgerald.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Calling Rep. Hobson (Dem., Ala.) a "coward" Reps. Hay and Fitzgerald (Dem. N. Y.) delivered a joint attack on the hero of the Merrimac in the House today. Hobson was not on the floor at the time.

The Alabamian yesterday in the Record a criticism of Hay and Fitzgerald for their attitude on the army appropriation bill—remarks which were not made on the floor, but published under the "leave to print privilege."

Hay said this was a "cowardly" move. Fitzgerald charged that Hobson neglected his congressional duties to deliver Chattanooga lectures.

"The gentleman from Alabama," said Fitzgerald, "explains his absence from the House by saying he has a message to deliver to the people. If he chooses to accept the compensation paid him as a representative and at the same time deliver a message for pay from the Chattanooga platform, that is his privilege. He would do better to remain here and serve the people on the floor of this House than to go chasing phantoms to whom he is attempting to deliver some imaginary message."

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GOV. MANN PERPLEXED.

Doesn't Know Whether He Can Disapprove Constitutional Amendment—Several Bills Pending.

Richmond, Feb. 17.—One of the most perplexing questions which has so far arisen in connection with the present session of the general assembly is as to the power of the governor of the state to place his veto upon any measure providing a constitutional amendment.

It is the opinion of speaker Byrd and several others that his excellency cannot veto an amendment to the constitution of the state.

Governor Mann has been confronted with the question for several days in considering the bill allowing treasurers to succeed themselves, and he has arrived at no definite conclusion.

Already half a dozen measures implying constitutional amendments have been considered in the legislature, some of which are now in committee, and some of which may reach the governor for his signature.

Among these are bills providing the initiative, referendum and recall and the resolution vesting the appointing in the hands of the legislature.

It is said about the capitol that his excellency would rather incline to veto the measure providing for the succession of treasurers by themselves in office if he were sure that he possessed this power. The uncertainty of his excellency on this point has not been relieved by the advice of such men as he has summoned to his office, a majority of whom entertain the opinion that the governor is not possessed of such prerogative.

TROOPS GUARDING CONSULATE.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 17.—United States are guarding the Mexican consulate here today as the result of demonstrations by Mexicans made against Mexican consul F. C. Llorente. The local Mexicans are incensed because Llorente insisted on the release of 19 United States soldiers who inadvertently crossed into Mexico, led there by the error of Lieut. Ben Field, who is now under arrest by order of the War Department.

Leon Martinez, a Mexican, is under arrest charged with inciting riots among local Mexicans. He and his wife are said to have led a mob against the Western Union Telegraph Company building and the Mexican consulate.

Juarez is again tranquil, but awaits with apprehension the coming of the Mexican Federal troops, now en route. The taking of the town of Guerrero by Vasquistas has been followed by the retaking of the town by federals. 24 rebels having been captured. The captives include Mendoza, the rebel chieftain.

Latest reports say Torreón is completely surrounded by rebels and may be attacked by tonight.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The robbery of a large number of American women by Mexican rebels was reported to the State Department today. According to the dispatch the women, the American side of the border line, with their children, were fleeing to for safety, when their train was held up by the revolutionists in the neighborhood of Torreón and they were robbed of their personal possessions.

The bandits, according to the official dispatch, did not molest the passengers further than to relieve them of their valuables and no mistreatment is reported to have occurred.

The unsettled conditions are stated to be worse in certain of the states where the rebellion is now raging and have precipitated a general exodus of Americans. Disorderly conditions are reported worse in the state of Durango, while in San Luis Potosi, the recent disturbances are reported to be generally improved.

The opinion was expressed today by State Department officials that Federal troops of the Mexican government will be dispatched to protect the city of Durango and that Madero will exert every effort to suppress the disorders. Communication with Oaxaca remains uninterrupted. In the other states conditions are reported to be generally improved.

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